

***Rep. B. Patrick Bauer's Detailed Analysis
Of the "Gimmick Laden", "Transfer Laden",
"Unbalanced" Republican Budget***

PROPERTY TAX INCREASES

- ☒ **Republicans forced a nearly \$1B property tax increase.**
- ☒ **Including Capping the Property Tax Replacement Credit, totaling \$276M.**
- ☒ **The increase of 2.6% and 2.4% in school funding is really an increase, statewide, in property taxes.**
- ☒ **763 Taxing Districts will see a property tax rate increase this year. (LSA Data)**

Examples of taxing Districts Experiencing Increase 2006:

-Marion (Grant County)-Franklin Township/Marion School:	5.2%
-Madison (Jefferson) –Shelby Township:	3.9%
-Plymouth (Marshall County)-Polk Township:	5.3%
-LaPorte County- New Durham Township:	8.0%
-St. Joseph County/Harris Township	11.9%
-St. Joseph/Madison Township	11.3%
-St. Joseph/Union Township	12.5%
-Wayne County/Center Township	37.3%
-Marion County/Speedway-Wayne Township	21.0%
-Knox County/Vincennes Township	10.8%
-Greene County/Wright Township	27.5%

After the election, Republican Budget increases for homeowners in 2007, according to LSA's Larry Deboer, will be an average of 19.1% before minor shifts to farms and businesses.

BUDGET TRANSFERS & GIMMICKS

- ☒ **What about the payment delays to schools, universities, and local governments? *(Even with 2006 partial reversal of the delay \$441M still owed).***
- ☒ **\$50M Abandon Property Fund Transfer now permanent (was to go back to the Common School Fund at the end of this year-could be higher with demutualization).**

- ☒ **\$683M Transfer from the Pension Stabilization Fund** to Post-1996 TRF.
- ? **\$100M in the Rainy Day fund is not an absolute** appropriation because of the "escape clause".
- ? **Shifts major programs from General Fund to Tobacco Settlement Revenue** without sufficient long-term revenue to support (e.g. **FSSA-Developmentally Disabled Client Services-\$24.4M, Indiana State Department of Health Operating-\$27.3M**)
- ? **\$50M** in unspecified **reversions** (which is a transfer back-"budget cut").
- ☒ **If state budgets for the past decade were unbalanced, why did the current Lt. Governor vote for all of them?**

Republican Budget Damage to Education

Examples:

- IPS laid-off 361 teachers/staff (Indianapolis Star, 2006)
- Huntington Schools cut 10 teacher contracts (Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette, May 10, 2005)
- Lafayette, IN will close 4 elementary schools because of state funding cut (Associated Press, April 26, 2005)
- 13 employees, including 4 teachers from Mt. Vernon School Corporation have been laid-off (Evansville Courier Press, May 18, 2005)
- Knox City Schools laid-off 18 employees to save \$415,000 to off-set a state funding shortfall (Gary Post Tribune, April 28, 2006)
- *Cuts in summer school*-Last year, the state paid for about half the cost of classes like health, U.S. History, or other subjects that are part of state graduation requirements but not covered in annual statewide achievement tests. This year there is no money for those classes (Associated Press, May 11, 2006)
- The Monroe County School Corp. laid-off 32 teachers/staff (Herald Times Online, April 21, 2006)